

TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: BUILDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES

The Department of Labor Region 6 in partnership with the Employment Development Department, the Department of Rehabilitation, and the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, announces a regional disability forum, "Building Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities" on March 29-31, 2005, at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento, California.

The focus of the forum will be on improving employment services and outcomes for people with disabilities. Some of the notable keynote speakers will be Dinah Cohen, Director for the Department of Defense Computer Electronic Accommodations Program, John D. Kemp, Principal, Pyles, Sutter & Verville P.C., and Robert "Bobby" Silverstein, Director of the Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy.

A "Save These Dates" announcement and "Invitation for Workshop Presenters" are attached to this bulletin for your information.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Sue Bristow at (916) 653-0164 or TTY (916) 654-9820.

/S/ BOB HERMSMEIER
Chief
Workforce Investment Division

Attachments



SAVE THESE DATES!

March 29, 30, 31, 2005

**The Doubletree Hotel
Sacramento, CA**



“BUILDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES”

Too many people with disabilities are still unemployed even though most say they would like to find a job. Despite our workforce system's commitment to universal access, people with disabilities still face significant obstacles to services such as physical inaccessibility to facilities, lack of access to programs and choice, and the need for service integration. As workforce professionals, One-Stop staff, provider staff and employers, this exciting three day event will provide you with the tools to improve employment services and outcomes for people with disabilities, along with service delivery strategies to effective partnership building.

The Department of Labor Region 6 in partnership with the Employment Development Department, the Department of Rehabilitation, and the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities invites you to attend this major event.

Among some of the notable keynote speakers are:

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We anticipate that registration information and a detailed program guide will be available by November 2004. In the meantime, you may contact Sue Bristow at (916) 653-0164 or TTY (916) 654-9820 for more information.

*The United States Department of Labor Region 6,
California's Employment Development Department,
California's Department of Rehabilitation, and
California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Proudly Announce*

BUILDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

*A Regional Disability Forum
March 29-31, 2005
The Doubletree Hotel
Sacramento, California*

INVITATION FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Application Deadline: October 18, 2004

PURPOSE OF THE FORUM

Building Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities will focus on improving employment services and outcomes for people with disabilities. Through the work of our USDOL grantees, State and local innovators and federal partners, we will be able to offer you exciting news about the many opportunities for improving services to people with disabilities through the workforce system.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- ✓ Workforce professionals
- ✓ One-Stop staff
- ✓ Provider staff
- ✓ Employers

THEMES

- ❖ Customer service and program access.
- ❖ Capacity building – partnerships, networking, collaboration and outreach.
- ❖ Client assessments and job placement.
- ❖ Accommodations and supportive services.
- ❖ Program compliance and continuous improvement.

TOPICS TO CONSIDER

- ***“Hidden Disabilities”*** – Providing services for people with learning disabilities and mental health disorders.
- Benefits planning, work incentives, and impact on earnings.
- WIA Section 188: Tools for achieving compliance and program integration.
- Outreach to community based organizations and partners.
- Transportation and accessibility to the One-Stop center.
- Youth with disabilities – Services in the One-Stop system.
- Providing appropriate services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Marketing to employers - Incentives and benefits.
- Collaboration at the State and local levels with independent living centers.
- Integrating Ticket to Work through the One-Stop System as an employment strategy.
- Linking with job-ready job seekers with disabilities.
- Assessment tools, career development and job placement.
- Working with employers - Job accommodation.
- Housing support and additional resources.
- Transportation solutions for people with disabilities.
- Tools and strategies for effective disability data collection.
- Veterans with disabilities.
- State legislation.
- Federal legislation.
- Job-ready soft skills.

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Mail the Workshop Presenter Application (next page) to:

California Governor's Committee on Employment
of People with Disabilities
P.O. Box 826880, MIC 21
Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

or electronically transmit (E-mail) to Wjohnso@edd.ca.gov by no later than October 18, 2004.

Selection of presenters will be made to achieve the broadest spectrum of topics within the timeframe of the conference. Presenters will be provided 75 minutes, of which 15 minutes will be allowed for a question and answer period. Sessions will be repeated to ensure that attendees have the opportunity to attend most presentations.

Presenters will be required to bring sufficient handouts for anticipated attendance of approximately 400. Presenters will be required to mail **original** copies of handouts to:

Michelle Alford-Williams
Department of Rehabilitation
2000 Evergreen
Sacramento, CA 95815

or electronically transmit (E-mail) to MAlfordW@dor.ca.gov by no later than December 15, 2004, for replication in alternate formats (Braille, large print, computer disk).

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT

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WORKSHOP PRESENTER APPLICATION

Name of Lead Presenter:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Address:	
E-mail Address:	
Organization Represented:	
Suggested Title of Your Presentation:	
Topic Summary:	
Presentation Tools Needed (Overhead projector, flip chart, etc.):	
Contact Person:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Address:	
E-mail Address:	

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